

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING FEBRUARY 15, 2021

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, February 15, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Paul Wyman, Vice-President Robert B. Bray, Member Jack Dodd, County Attorney Alan Wilson and County Auditor Jessica Secrease.

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Jerry Asher and conducted by President Paul Wyman. Commissioner Bray led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Commissioner Wyman offered a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of February 1, 2021, regular meeting having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd, Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

MAINTENANCE:

Demolition of the Chimney at the Howard County Highway Dept.:

Maintenance Superintendent Bill Stonestreet presented the contract with Hearn construction to do the demolition of the chimney at the Howard County Highway Dept. in the amount of \$28,500.00. Mr. Stonestreet would like to pay for this out of the Cum Cap Building Repair 1138.47241. The Hearn construction contract in the amount of \$28,500.00 was submitted and approved on a motion made by Commissioner Bray. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

North Central Indiana Regional Planning Council:

Executive Director Steven Ray of NCIRPC is holding a public hearing for the Howard County CDBG COVID Phase 3 Grant, this is a Federal Funded Community Development Block Grant from OCRA. This grant will be providing \$250,000.00 for Mental Health Services to Howard County residents with the focus on Domestic Violence and Abuse and Substance Abuse treatment, Recovery and Suicide Prevention. This grant will provide services to people dealing with isolation, separation, loss of jobs, housing instability and decreased mental and physical health as a result of COVID-19 pandemic. The county has been asked to provide up to \$25,000.00 in a local match. This grant will be a "pass thru" grant for the County, the plan is to then be distributed to Turning Point, Gilead House, and Family Services Associates for them to use for their mental health programming to support the community.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:

Howard County Auditor Jessica Secrease submitted the following claims and reports for the Commissioners' information and approval:

1. **Salary Claims:** The Commissioners' Salary, Hourly, and Overtime Claims for payment on February 12, 2021 in the amount of 1,017,818.33 were submitted and approved on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
2. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating Claims to be paid February 15th, 2021. in the amount of \$1,159,258.12 was submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray, and the motion carried.

*There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners
at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m. on a motion
made by Commissioner Bray, seconded by Commissioner Dodd, and carried.*

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

PAUL G. WYMAN, PRESIDENT

ROBERT B. BRAY, VICE PRESIDENT

JACK W. DODD, MEMBER

ATTEST:

JESSICA SECREASE, AUDITOR
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